

P A T E N T

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: VICTOR SCHOENLE et al. Confirmation No.: 2738  
Serial No.: 10/669,059 Examiner: Walter Aughenbaugh  
Filing Date: SEPTEMBER 23, 2003 Group Art Unit: 1794  
Docket No.: 1001.2325101 Customer No.: 28075  
Title: MEDICAL DEVICE COMPONENTS AND PROCESSES

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**CERTIFICATE FOR ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this paper(s) is being electronically transmitted to the U.S. Patent and  
Trademark Office on the date shown below



Thu H. Le-To

MARCH 2, 2009

Date

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Action of the Examiner mailed December 2, 2008, with a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 2, 2009. This paper is filed within the set period for response such that no extension of time is necessary. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.